A Message from Kentucky PTA President

Dear PTA/PTSA Leaders!

Exciting News! Kentucky PTA is partnering with MemberHub to provide a free cloud-based Volunteer Management/Membership Management System for our local leaders.

MemberHub will:
- Help PTA/PTSAs reach nonmembers in a new way.
- PTA/PTSAs can directly demonstrate their mission and value by giving families an one-stop shop for school information, volunteer opportunities, and donations.
Grant Opportunities
Mary Lou Anderson Reflections Arts Enhancement Grant- **Deadline June 30th**

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**Did You Know?**

Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst founded the National Congress of Mothers in 1897.

PTA advocated for a Federally-Funded School Lunch Program—a program today that feeds more than 26 million children a day.

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**PTA/PTSA to have their own unique URL. Sponsor share: Grow non dues revenue and increase family engagement. Provide one online storefront for each PTA/PTSA offering membership purchase and spirit gear.**

* Allow you to take credit card payments for fundraising, membership dues, ticket sales etc.

Help provide and maintain your membership list, no need to keep a separate list. Provide you with the tools to contact and email your members thru MemberHub instead of using any other system (email, Constant Contact, MailChimp, signup Genius etc.) Allow your members can have their receipts and membership cards directly emailed to them. Provides 24-hour online chat support for any technical MemberHub questions you may have. Allow each unit to provide and maintain and share their compliance information directly within their system. (Officers List, Insurance, Financial Reviews etc.)

* Automated online dues remittance and reporting.
* Allows you to access your PTA information from your phone or any computer.
* And so much more...

PTA/PTSAs will be able to start setting up their PTAs MemberHub account towards the end of May to have everything ready for the August 1st rollout! There will be several webinar trainings available to ensure you feel comfortable. We will also have training classes with the MemberHub team both days of the State Leadership Convention in July. (We will have classes in Spanish and in English!)

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**2019 National PTA Convention and Expo**
Join us **JUNE 20-23 in COLUMBUS, OHIO!**

2019 National PTA Convention and Expo
PTA and PTA/PTSA leaders from across the country will gather to celebrate our successes, exchange ideas, and listen to experts from the field.
Wayne Lewis

1,500 education leaders and parents. One mission. Change children’s lives.
Advance your PTA at the 2019 National PTA Convention & Expo in Columbus, Ohio June 20-23.

Share. Learn. Celebrate. This is your time to …
- Engage with mission-minded peers and experts
- Enhance your leadership skills through interactive workshops
- Stay informed on trends and issues affecting our children
- Celebrate our standout members and student performers at our awards ceremony
www.pta.org

Novice: The Academic Emergency Room

One of THE most important initiative we're undertaking at the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is novice reduction. As I’ve traveled the state talking about the importance of reducing the number of students performing at the lowest level, I’ve realized that it is sometimes hard to understand what we in education mean by novice.

In 3rd grade, students begin taking annual K-PREP tests that help evaluate how much they have learned over a school year in certain subjects. These tests give us at KDE and families an idea of the strengths and areas for growth for each student, school and district.

Based upon their scores in each subject area, students are ranked in one of four categories - Distinguished, Proficient, Apprentice or Novice.

Read More

PTA Store

How do you let the world know you’re part of the PTA? ShopPTA.com sells official PTA and PTSA logo merchandise, apparel, membership items, awards, gifts and more. All products are offered through each of the participating State PTA organizations. Check out ShopPTA.com today!

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider these people my heroes." - Fred Rogers

KY PTA
Nominating Committee Slate of Officers for the 2019-2021 Term

President Elect
· Kathy Smiley

Vice President of Leadership/Outreach services
· Autumn Neagle

Vice President of Organization Services
· Brian Wampler

Vice President of Programs
· Bobby Jo Kingery

Vice President of Membership
· Ushanda Starks

Vice President of Communications
· Jaime Nebbitt

Secretary
· Jessie Manco

Treasurer
· Brittney Bolyard

Click here for all election information.

Student Recognition

The Student Recognition Ceremony was Saturday, May 11, at the Lexington Children's Theater. Students
Five students from Kentucky were named National PTA Reflections Winners, including:

- Award of Excellence - Dance Choreography - Donovan Musgrove
- Award of Excellence - Music Composition- Andrew Strawn
- Award of Excellence - Music Composition- Donovan Johnson
- Award of Merit - Film Production- Emerson Jones
- Award of Merit - Film Production - Caden Allen

For a list of all winners, click here.

The 2019-2020 Reflections theme was announced. "Look Within" is the theme young artists will use to create their next award-winning pieces. For more information on starting a Reflections contest in your school, call 502.226.6607 or email kentuckypta@bellsouth.net.

Updated information is available this summer at kyppta.org.
The report cards include important information about school environment, demographics and performance on the state local and school level. Although the reports need to be accessible to every parent, the information doesn't always speak for itself. Getting familiar with this information can help you turn these reports into results for your child's school.

It's PTA's mission to ensure that parents and families are meaningfully supported and engaged in their children's education. Here's a look at some resources to help you understand and act on school report cards. Read More

Share your PTA Story

We want to hear all about how being a part of PTA has impacted you. Why did you join PTA? How has PTA changed your child's life? With your story, we can inspire others to join our PTA family. Submissions will be displayed at #PTACon19! Submit your story!

For PTA Leaders

Kentucky PTA Convention 2019

Join us July 19-20th at Tates Creek Middle School in Lexington for the Kentucky State PTA convention. Click here for more information. Click here for the registration form. Click here for the Grant Application.